

Arizona Sanitarians' Council

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Minutes of the Council's meeting on Thursday, September 6, 2012

Council Members Present: Carrie Senseman, Harlan Lee, Pricilla Urbina, Rachel Patterson and Donnie Perucho Guests: Laura Flores, Dean Chiarelli, Diane Eckles

Carrie Senseman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. at the Arizona Department of Health Services, 150 N. 18th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ.

- 1. Ms. Laura Flores, Assistant Attorney General provided the Council and guests with an overview and presentation covering the requirements of the State of Arizona Open Meeting Laws. The Arizona Sanitarian Council meetings fall under these laws and rules. The presentation can be made available by sending a request to carrie.senseman@azdhs.gov
- 2. The Council reviewed and approved the minutes of the June 7, 2012 Arizona Sanitarians' Council meeting, with no corrections. Ms. Patterson moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Lee seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- 3. Mr. Chiarelli, of the ASU School of Nutrition and Health Promotion, addressed the Council and informed its members of plans that ASU has of developing either a degree program and/or a professional certificate program that will help prepare students to take the Arizona and/or NEHA R.S./R.E.H.S. exam as well as prepare them for the field of environmental health. Mr. Chiarelli asked the Council to provide input into the potential nature and components of the proposed programs. Ms. Patterson said this might be a good recruitment resource for the smaller counties to attract individuals that were prepared to take the exam, internships would work well as part of the program and that a part-time, on-line and/or evening program would be ideal. Mr. Lee said that every state is different in its requirements and that the program would need to include the 30 semester hour minimum required to be approved by the Council to take the exam as required by State statute and rule. Ms. Senseman said she would forward the contact information of the training officers at Maricopa County to Mr. Chiarelli as additional persons to consult.
- 4. The Council members each signed the registration certificates for the applicants that passed the Sanitarian Examination in April of 2012. Eighteen people passed the examination taken on July 26, 2012. There were twenty-seven people who took the exam, for a 67% pass rate.
- 5. Fourteen applicants were reviewed and nine were approved to take the examination. One applicant requesting reciprocity needs further clarification and a fee, and four applicants to take the exam were denied due to lack of enough coursework in the natural sciences. Correspondence will be sent to these applicants detailing what information is needed.

- 6. Ms. Senseman is in the process of building the agenda for the 2-day 2012 Sanitarians' Environmental Health Conference scheduled for November 27-28, 2012 at the State Laboratory Conference Room. Details will be posted to the website.
- 7. The next Council meeting was set for 10:00 a.m. December 6, 2012 at the Arizona Department of Health Services (Room 415C). As of 9/6/12, the upcoming examination is set for 1:00 p.m., October 25 2012 at the Arizona Department of Health Services Building, 150 N. 18th Ave. Fourth Floor Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ. The location may be changed depending upon how many people register to take the exam. The website will be updated accordingly and all applicants will be notified.
- 8. With no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Carrie A. Senseman Chair